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- 1. Communist Party success in infiltrating the Socialist Party of Eduador was clearly demonstrated in the recent election of a new directorate for the latter group. Of the 14 persons elected, either as members of the directorate or alternates, eight are known Communists or Socialists sympathetic to Communist Party policies.
- 2. in spite of the Communist infiltration, there is no close working alliance between the two parties, primarily because the leaders of the Communist Party do not wish to become entangled in any agreement which might bring about the outlawing of their party. They have informed the Socialists that they will tacitly and norally support Socialist opposition to the government, but that they wish for the present to remain on the sidelines in matters of national politics. The Communists believe that, through friends in the new Socialist directorate, they can extend a certain amount of influence over the policies of that party.
- The directorate of the Socialist Party, which was elected for the period 1949-1950, is as follows:

Secretary General:

Licenciado Plutarco Naranjo

Members

Political Affiliation

Ruben Silva

Dr. Manuel Alberto Mora

Socialist

Dr. Gonzalo Oleas

Alternate Members Miguel Angel Guzman Socialist

Socialist, but Communist sympathizer

Dr. Nestor Magollon Jorge Maldonado Cornejo

Communist

Communist Socialist

Miguel Davila

Socialist, but Communist sympathizer Communist sympathizer

David Villena

Socialist

Jerman Jaramillo Larrea Juan Antonio Checa Druet

Communist sympathizer

Rafael Pacheco Nelson Torres

Socialist

Pablo Duque Arias

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